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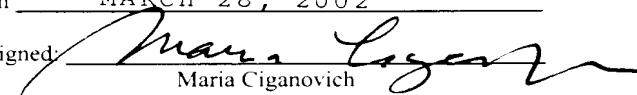
Attorney Docket No.: A-67209-6/RMS/DCF/SRN

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: Not Known
Walt et al.)
Serial No.: 09/925,292)
Filed: August 8, 2001)
For: ELECTRODES LINKED VIA)
CONDUCTIVE OLIGOMERS TO)
NUCLEIC ACIDS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed September 28, 2001.

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

24. A composition comprising:

a) a substrate with a surface comprising discrete sites at a density of at least 100 discrete sites per 1 mm², said discrete sites comprising wells; and

b) a population of microspheres randomly distributed in said wells, said population